

## Message Text

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TO USMISSION GENEVA  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 13867

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, KE  
SUBJ: REPORTED ATTEMPT BY KENYA TRADE UNIONS TO OUST  
EXPATRIATES

REF: (A) GENEVA 09221, (B) NAIROBI A-70 OF JULY 1, 1977

1. IN JUNE-AUGUST, 1977 PERIOD KENYAN LABOR LEADERS WERE CRITICAL OF WHAT THEY CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE LIBERALITY ON PART OF KENYANIZATION OF PERSONNEL BUREAU WITH RESPECT TO ISSUING WORK PERMITS TO EXPATRIATES IN PRIVATE SECTOR. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 12,000 EXPATRIATES NOW HOLDING WORK PERMITS IN KENYA. POSITION OF LABOR LEADERS IS THAT FOREIGN FIRMS SUCCESSFULLY RESORT TO DECEIT TO OBTAIN AND RENEW WORK PERMITS FOR MANY EXPATRIATES WHOSE PRESENCE IS NOT JUSTIFIED UNDER ESTABLISHED CRITERIA.

2. PUBLIC DEBATE OF THIS ISSUE HAS SUBSIDED SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER WHEN MINISTER OF LABOR REMINDED CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF TRADE UNIONS (COTU) THAT IT (COTU) HAD NO FORMAL ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING KENYANIZATION PROGRAM AND SHOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO BRINGING TO ATTENTION OF COMPETENT AUTHORITIES SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF IMPROPRIETY ON PART OF KENYANIZATION OF PERSONNEL BUREAU.

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3. EMBASSY FORWARDING TO USMISSION GENEVA BY CLASSIFIED POUCH COPY OF ITS A-70 ON THIS SUBJECT. LE MELLE

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